

**December 24, 2015**

# **Montana Healthcare Programs Notice**

## **Adult Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Providers**

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**Effective January 1, 2016**

### **Addictive and Mental Disorders Division Changes to Prior Authorization**

#### **Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements for Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Services, Acute Partial Hospitalization (PHP) Services, Crisis Stabilization Services, Outpatient (OP) Services, and Acute Inpatient Hospital (IP) Services**

Effective January 1, 2016, a prior authorization (PA) or continued stay request (CSR) is no longer required for outpatient, intensive outpatient, acute partial hospitalization, or acute inpatient hospitalization services. Do not submit a prior authorization or continued stay request to Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA).

Effective January 1, 2016, prior authorization is no longer required for crisis stabilization services. A provider is required to submit a continued stay request to Magellan Medicaid Administration for crisis stabilization services beyond 7 days.

Effective January 1, 2016, outpatient sessions will no longer have a limit of 24 sessions. Do not submit authorization requests to the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD).

Effective January 1, 2016, a Certificate of Need (CON) for individuals 18–20 years of age is no longer required for acute inpatient hospital services or for Montana State Hospital.

#### **Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements for Inpatient and Day Treatment for Chemical Dependency and Abuse Treatment Services**

Effective January 1, 2016, inpatient and day treatment services for substance use disorders are no longer limited to individuals under the age of 21.

Effective January 1, 2016, prior authorization is no longer required for inpatient and day treatment for chemical dependency and abuse treatment services. Do not submit prior authorization requests to the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD).

## Contact Information

If you have any questions, for mental health, please contact Julie Prigmore, Mental Health Services Bureau Chief, at 406-444-9657 or [jprigmore@mt.gov](mailto:jprigmore@mt.gov).

If you have any questions for chemical dependency, please contact Bobbi Perkins, Chemical Dependency Bureau Chief, at 406-444-6981 or [BPerkins@mt.gov](mailto:BPerkins@mt.gov).

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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